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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: CHEMICAL TREATMENT FOR CONTROL
OF SULFIDE ODORS IN WASTE
MATERIALS

Examiner: P. A. Hruskoci

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 7-9 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-6, drawn to a method; claims 7-9, drawn to a composition and claims 10-15, drawn to a system.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent. Namely, under the PTO's *Ochiai* guidelines, products and their methods of manufacture and use should be examined together in a single application as long as the claims are of the same scope. Thus, rejoinder of the instant Groups sought to be restricted is respectfully requested. Examination of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.